

Volunteering Lancashire Action Plan 2006-2007

ACTION 1. (Links to our aims 1 & 2 in the overall plan)

Aim:

To secure a Statement of Intent from Key Stakeholders i.e. Chairs/Trustees/Chief Officers of 'host' organisations, to agree how organisations will work collaboratively in Volunteering Lancashire – and thus enable Lancashire to achieve better outcomes for volunteering.

Implementation Group: Cindy, Graham, Daveen and Deborah.

Objectives:

To produce a consultation paper (see below)

To write a bid to VE for £1,000 contribution by 13th Oct

To hold an Event – “Looking Forwards”

To agree a “Sign up” opportunity to a Statement of Intent

To agree relationship with the Lancashire Consortium

The event is targeted at...(as above)

Consultation Paper:

Part One: “New Year New beginning”

Our history; who we are; what we have achieved; what our Aims are.

Part Two: Visionary – potential – see attached

Questions – Issues – see attached

Event details – to be written

Timetable:

Awareness raising

Produce paper – 10th Nov

Distribute – Jan 07

Event – Feb 07

Report

Sign up

Visionary Statements

The vision is that by 2014 in Lancashire: "There is a leaner, effectively marketed..."

Our goals to achieve this vision are that in Lancashire we will have....

- Clear, shared common purpose for the development of volunteering in Lancashire
- Potential volunteers throughout Lancashire will have equal access to a consistent quality service
- All Lancashire will recognise the VL logo and associate it with quality
- VL services will be accessible to all
- Treble the number of volunteers currently involved, and supply of volunteers will outstrip demand.
- All Lancashire employers will offer employee supported volunteering programme
- Volunteering support will be sustainable and adequately funded
- All volunteer placements will be checked to ensure they meet good practice standards
- All volunteers will have access to high quality training
- All volunteers will have the opportunity to celebrate their success and receive recognition.

Our goals for organisations in order to achieve the vision are that they will have....

- All vol-inv orgs will have the opportunity to achieve recognised national quality standards in Vol management
- All orgs will benefit from the increase and quality of volunteers which will have an impact on their service delivery
- All vol managers will be provided with high quality support training and networking etc..
- Vol retention will be increased threefold
- All organisations will have access to volunteer bank
- VL will be the centre of excellence for volunteering
- All vol infrastructure staff delivers standardised high quality advice information and services to organisations and volunteers
- Expansion of volunteering across all sectors

To achieve these we need to address some challenges:

QUESTIONS

- 1. What benefits will there be for VL's members and partners**
- 2. Who should our partners and members be?**
 - a. How will we work together?
- 3. What are the rights and responsibilities of partners and members**
- 4. How will VL be resourced?**
- 5. How do we remain cohesive and maintain a clear vision?**
 - a. How will we overcome barriers?
 - b. How will decisions be reached?
- 6. What powers will VL need to deliver the vision**
- 7. How will VL agree the priorities for Lancashire?**
- 8. What structure will be fit for purpose?**
 - a. Who will steer it?
- 9. What about potential tensions?**
 - a. Sub regional/local
 - b. Organisational/partners
 - c. Geographical/specialist
- 10. What will success look like?**

We are holding a consultation event to enable all senior staff from all partner organisations to contribute to the future development of VL.

Your input will ensure the future success of volunteering development throughout Lancashire

SLIDE SHOW

- Clear, shared vision for the development of volunteering in Lancashire
- Equal access to a quality service for all volunteers
- Equal access to a quality service for all orgs
- All Lancashire will recognise the VL logo
- All Lancashire will associate VL logo with quality
- VL services will be accessible to all
- Treble the number of volunteers involved
- Supply of new volunteers will outstrip demand.
- All Lancashire employers committed to employee volunteering
- Volunteering sustainably funded
- All volunteer placements meet good practice standards
- All volunteers will have access to high quality training
- All volunteers will be recognised.
- Organisations will....
- National quality standards embedded in Vol management
- Increased volunteers = increased quality service
- All vol managers trained and supported
- Vol retention increased
- All organisations have access to quality support services
- All organisations will have access to volunteer centre
- VL will be the centre of excellence for volunteering
- Equity of delivery
- All services delivered by trained staff
- One stop shop for volunteering

ACTION 2. (Links to aims 4 & 5.1 in the overall plan)

AIM: To introduce Investors in Volunteers

To train X staff members to become assessors

To seek funding for this/negotiate with VE for this

To contact VE re the costs to deliver a local course

To seek to generate income from this activity

Timetable: to be delivered in next 12 months.

Implementation: Lynn Saggerson – to develop proposals for work plan to meet the aim and objectives

ACTION 3. (Links TBC)

AIM: Produce A Provision Table

To map volunteering infrastructure across Lancashire including specialisms

To develop questionnaire (adapt VSNW questionnaire) to gather the following:

Coverage; opening times; staffing; geographic/specialist; database info
vol opportunities/organisations; specialist areas; training
(accredited/non accredited); networks; websites; newsletters; forums;
resources/capacity; funding; venues; services

Timetable: Post Looking Forwards event – completed by June 07.

Implementation: Khalid Naseem to develop proposals for a work plan to meet this aim through the support of a local volunteer.

ACTION 4. (Links TBC)

AIM: Quality online information for organisations and volunteers

To continue the development of the VL website so that it delivers

To agree the ongoing maintenance of the site

To identify how information is posted to the site

To assess the site in October and to make recommendations for improvement/change

Timetable: From October 06 – to July 07

Implementation: Graham to discuss website development plans with Lancaster CVS the contract holder for the maintenance of the website.